

REMARKS

Claims 13-15 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 13-15 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,597,158.

Claims 13-15 also stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of copending Application No. 10/123,863.

Submitted with this response is a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of U.S. Patent No. 6,597,158 and a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of copending Application No. 10/123,863. It is submitted that the Terminal Disclaimers obviate the double patenting rejections and Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow each of the rejected claims.

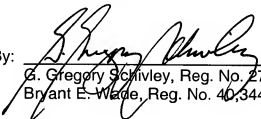
CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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